

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES -- A GUIDE

VEHICLE	LICENSE FOR DRIVER		MEDICAL CARD / LOG
COMBINATION vehicle with GCWR over 26,000 pounds, towing vehicle with GVWR in excess of 10,000 pounds	If power unit serves only as a power unit: If power unit also capable of carrying loads:	Class A <i>Example:</i> Tractor-trailer Class A w/57 <i>Example:</i> Dump truck with backhoe	Medical Card? Required Log? If travelling over 100 air miles from base
STRAIGHT vehicle with GVWR over 26,000 pounds, <i>or</i> STRAIGHT vehicle with GVWR over 26,000 pounds towing unit with GVWR 10,000 pounds or less	Class B <i>Example:</i> transit bus, straight truck <i>Note:</i> if power unit <= 26,000 lbs & towed unit <10,000 lbs, even if combination over 26,000 lbs, CDL is not required -- unless Class C, below		Same as above
Vehicles weighing 26,000 lbs GVWR or less <ul style="list-style-type: none"> placarded for hazardous material designed to seat more than 15 people including the driver used as a school bus 	Class C <i>Example:</i> passenger / delivery vans <i>Note:</i> At least one CDL endorsement is required for this class license		Same as above
Vehicles with GVWR between 10,000 lbs and 26,000 lbs	Class C or Class D <i>Note:</i> See requirements for these classes		Same as above
Vehicles with GVWR 26,000 lbs or less not falling into Class C requirements	If driver hired primarily to drive: If driving incidental to driver's job:	Class D w/For Hire <i>Example:</i> Taxi, Pizza Delivery Class D <i>Example:</i> Repair persons, teachers	All vehicles used in a commercial venture with a GVWR of 10,001 pounds or greater must comply as above
<i>For More Information:>>></i>	615/251-5119		615-251-5197

Notes:

- GCWR = Gross Combination Weight Rating; GVWR = Gross Vehicle Weight Rating
- Certain drivers are exempted from CDL's (Class A, B, C): farmers, nurserymen, military, and persons operating recreational vehicles or rental vehicles for their own use.
- At this time, a few drivers are exempted from the medical cards: those employed by government entities, or those driving school or church buses. However, note that the rules and regulations of Tennessee require anyone with a Passenger or Hazardous Materials endorsement to meet the physical standards set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 391.